

Capsule Summary

SM-534

Joseph Edward Spalding House

Leonardtown

Private

c. 1943

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

DOE            yes            no

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Joseph Edward Spalding House is located 50 yards east of Washington Street down a dirt road near Leonardtown wharf. Oriented on a north/south axis and situated on a south sloping 1/4 acre lot, the dwelling commands views of Breton Bay and is surrounded on three sides by other modestly sized homes and a small field to the west.

Constructed in 1943, the Spalding House is a frame, one-and-a-half story dwelling with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Resting on a brick pier and cinder block foundation, the entire building is clad with aluminum siding. The roof is pierced by two gable dormer windows and two interior brick chimney flues. The gable roof changes to a lower pitch as it reaches the lower part of the dwelling and extends over a front and rear porch. Both of these porches have been enclosed. The front, or south, elevation features two front doors flanked on either side by paired, eight light casement windows. The site also contains a non-contributing garden shed with a shed roof.

This dwelling received only mid-level documentation due to the large number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 1068, Folio 416

Grantee: Thomas Richard and Marilyn Delores Collier

Grantor: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Date: June 26, 1996

Note: The deed notes that the one-and-a-half story dwelling was constructed in 1943. It also notes that the tract contains 1/4 acre and sold for \$59,000.

Reference: Liber MRB 383, Folio 2

Grantee: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Grantor: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson--executors for Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: October 29, 1987

Reference: Liber DBK 197, Folio 277

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Date: September 17, 1973

Reference: Liber DBK 174, Folio 216

Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Grantor: Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: January 4, 1972

Reference: Liber DBK 163, Folio 317

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding

Date: October 30, 1970

Reference: Liber CBG 74, Folio 173

Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding

Grantor: Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: April 28, 1958

Reference: Liber CBG 16, Folio 330

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding

Date: September 8, 1944

Reference: Liber CBG 16, Folio 533

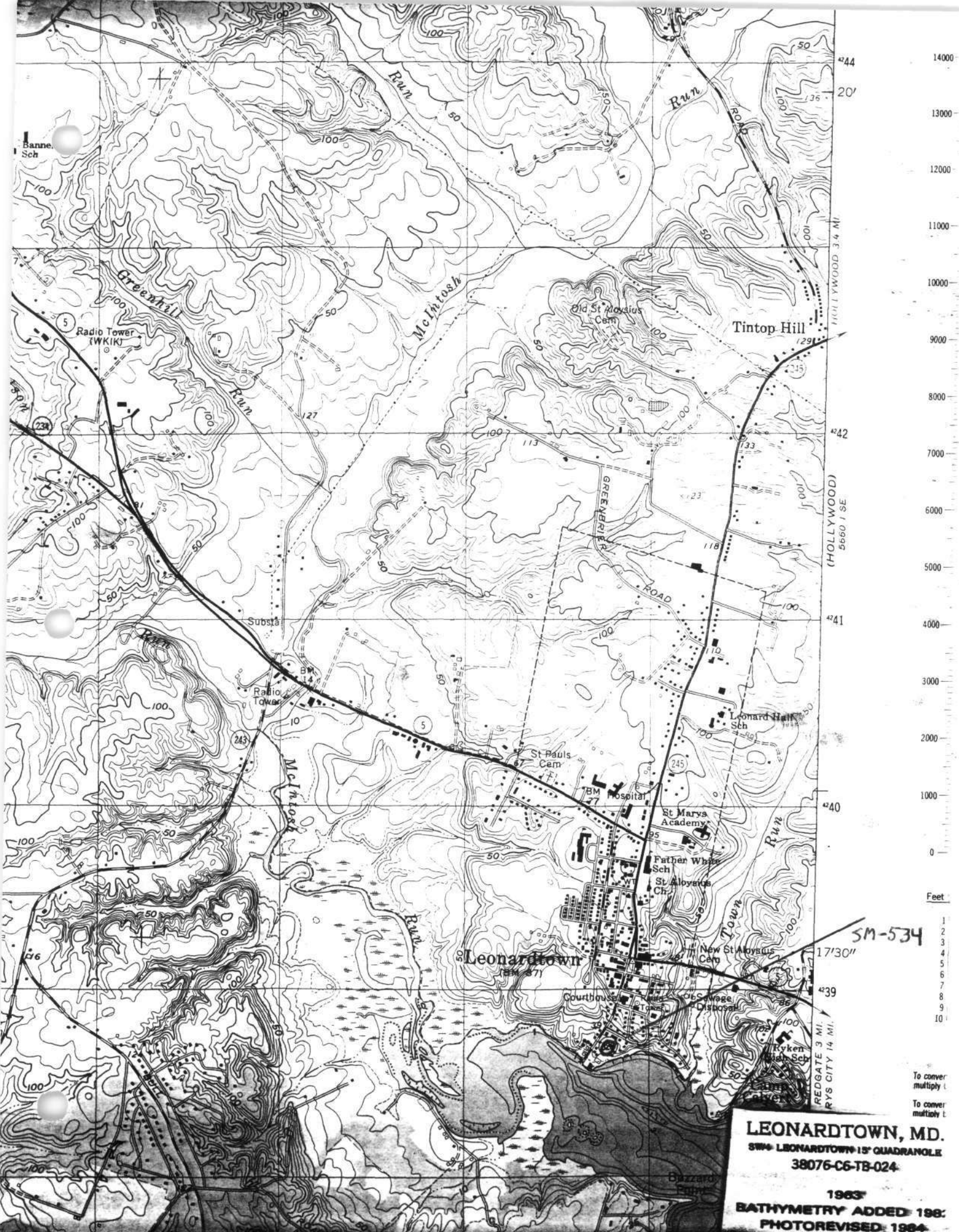
Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding

Grantor: B. Kennedy Abell, et al

Date: August 29, 1942

Note: Joseph Spalding purchases the property from the heirs of Enoch B. Abell. The parcel is 1/4 of an acre.





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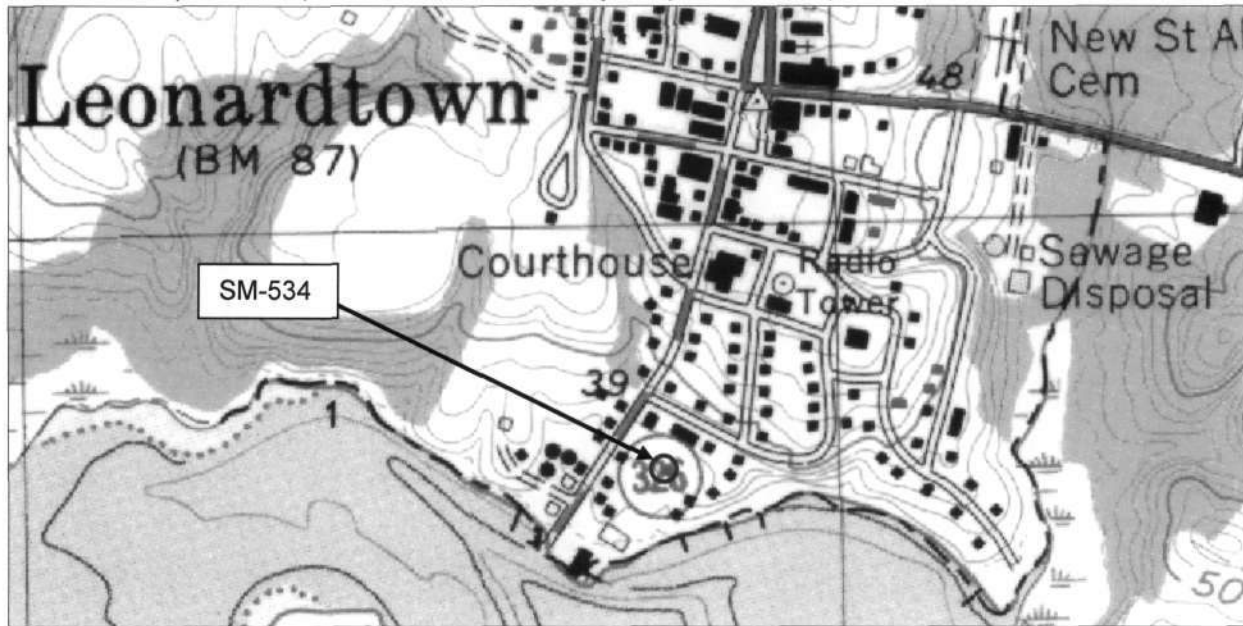


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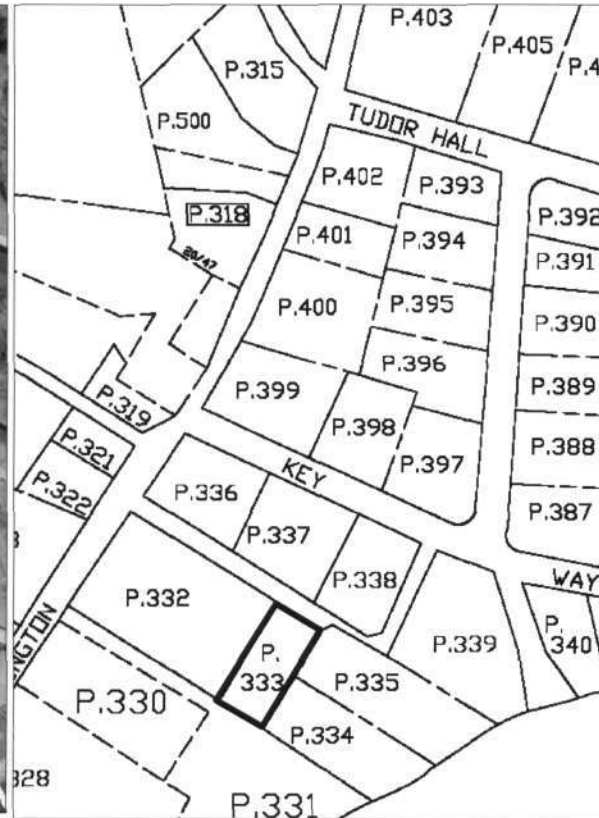
21615 Nuthall Lane, Leonardtown

Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,  
c. 2007-08

Tax Map 133, P. 333





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St. Mary's County, Md.

Kirk Ranzeffa

Sept, 1996

Md SHPO

S + W elevations

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